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HEY, HEY, ITSUHITO-KUN.
WHICH COAT DO YOU THINK GOES BEST WITH THIS DRESS?
WELL...
BOTH OF THEM DO..
ARE YOU ABOUT TO GO OUT SOME-WHERE?
I'VE GOT PLANS FOR A DATE.
HOW ABOUT THIS HAT?
IT LOOKS NICE.
HOW ABOUT THESE GLOVES?
THEY LOOK NICE.
HEY... QUIT JUST SAYING WHATEVER.
?
WHY? IT'S THE TRUTH.
OHH, THAT'S RIGHT...

SNAP!
I KNOW WHERE HIKAWA'S CRYSTAL CAME FROM.
WAIT A MINUTE. TELL ME ABOUT IT IN DETAIL.
OR IS THIS THE REASON YOU'RE GOING ON SOME DATE?
DAMN IT, I'M IN SUCH A GOOD MOOD THAT I GOT CARRIED AWAY
PRETEND THAT YOU DIDN'T HEAR THAT JUST NOW.
...!?
UH...
HUH...
THAT'S WHY I'M GOING TO SEE HIM.
I'LL SAY THIS NOW, DON'T GET IN MY WAY. IT'S A DATE!

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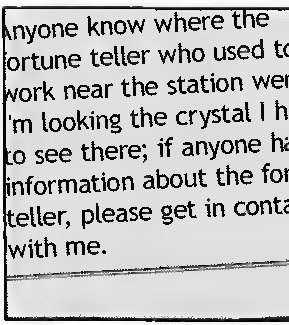
SEVERAL MONTHS AGO
I'VE FINALLY FOUND HIM.
THE GUY WANTING TO GET BACK THE CRYSTAL, THAT IS.
...

IT'S A SITE FOR VENDORS WHO SELL RARE COLLECTOR'S ITEMS.
AND I DON'T WANT TO HEAR THAT FROM SOMEONE THAT USES CATS.
THE INTERNET?
KIDS USE IT, AND YOU'RE AN OLD MAN... IS THIS EVEN TRUSTWORTHY?


Anyone know where the
fortune teller who used to
work near the station went
I'm looking the crystal I had
to see there; if anyone has
information about the for
teller, please get in contact
with me.

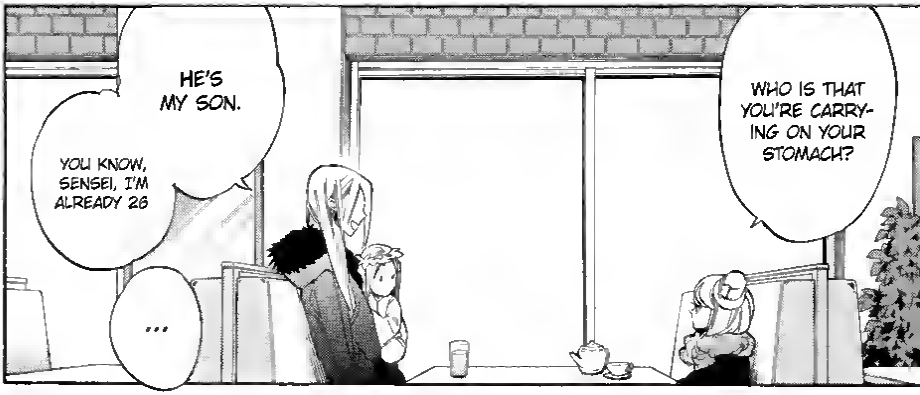
AFTER THAT, I POSTED THE SAME MESSAGE MANY TIMES BUT THERE WEREN'T ANY REPLIES.
BUT... THIS TIME...
LEAVE IT TO ME.
WE WON'T KNOW IF THIS ACCOMPLISHES ANYTHING OR NOT UNTIL WE MEET HIM IN REAL LIFE.
ARE YOU GOING TO TRY AND GET IN TOUCH WITH HIM?

...
MITOGAWA-SENSEI!
HUH!?
AH, SAIZAKI-SENSEI!
ITSUKITO-KUN REALLY HAS NO PATIENCE.
I HAVE TO DO THIS SECRETLY UNTIL THE VERY LAST MINUTE.
AHH, I KNEW IT.
I'M GLAD YOU'VE BEEN DOING WELL.
...!

IT'S BEEN A WHILE
MARIYA-KUN.

Mister!
You came to see us?
MITO-GAWA-SAN HAS MISSED YOU!
YO, MISAO! WEARING A BACKPACK IS A GOOD LOOK FOR YA!
I'm home!
EXCUSE ME, MITOGA-WA-SAN.
COULD YOU HELP ME WITH MY HOMEWORK?
Oo Oo Ah
ISN'T IT A LITTLE LATE FOR HER TO BE COMING HOME FROM SCHOOL?
IT'S A FOUR-HOUR TRIP TO SCHOOL
WELL, HAVING SAID THAT, THERE'S NOT MUCH WE CAN DO UNTIL WE GET LUCKY
RIGHT NOW, THE OLD LADY IS TRYING HER HARDEST HAVE PATIENCE.
WHAT? IS THAT TRUE?
IS IT OKAY FOR ME NOT TO GO WITH HER?
NIBURU-CHAN HAS BEEN GETTING NERVOUS ABOUT IT RECENTLY... DID YOU HAPPEN TO FIND WHERE IT CAME FROM?
HEY, GRAMPS, IT'S NOT LIKE I'M IN ANY KIND OF RUSH BUT...
HMM?
WHAT HAPPENED TO HIKAWA'S CRYSTAL OR WHATEVER IT WAS?
...?
MARIA... ARIA...
WHERE HAVE I HEARD THAT NAME BEFORE...
Hooh! That's a coincidence I'm not sure I feel too happy about.
SHE CALLED HIM "MARIA" OR "ARIA."
SHE DID SAY THAT THE GUY SHE'S GOING TO MEET IS ONE OF HER FORMER STUDENTS.
...
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT...

YES?
BY THE WAY, MARIYA-KUN.


HE'S MY SON.
YOU KNOW, SENSEI, I'M ALREADY 26
...
WHO IS THAT YOU'RE CARRYING ON YOUR STOMACH?

IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THE DAY WOULD COME WHEN I'D BE TALKING TO YOU ABOUT ANTIQUES...
HOW ABOUT WE CUT TO THE CHASE?
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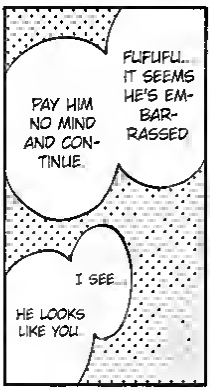
...
WHERE DID YOU GET THAT?


FUFUFU... IT SEEMS HE'S EMBARRASSED
PAY HIM NO MIND AND CONTINUE.
I SEE...
HE LOOKS LIKE YOU.

(PSST)
HMM?
PSST
YES... YES

WELL
THAT ASIDE.

SHAME...
HIS SOUL COULDN'T BE SAVED...
IS THAT SO?
THEN, THE PREVIOUS OWNER MUST HAVE SOLD IT.
THE TRUTH IS, I FOUND THIS ON SALE AT THE LOCAL ANTIQUE SHOP.
I LIKED IT SO I ENDED UP BUYING IT.
DID YOU KNOW THE PREVIOUS OWNER?
NO...
THAT ISN'T WHAT I MEANT.
...?
I SEE.
THAT'S TOO BAD.

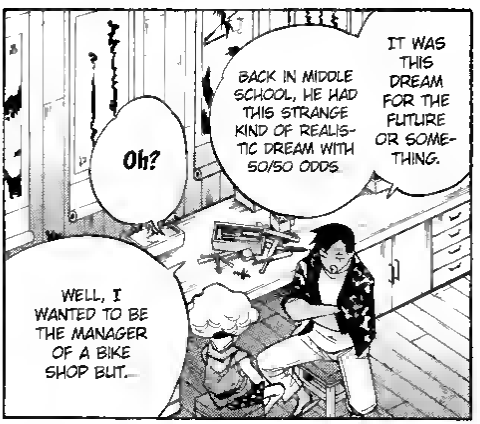
AS LONG AS THIS CRYSTAL IS HERE, I CAN SEE THROUGH YOUR LIES.
IT PAINS ME, YOU KNOW...
TO HAVE TO CROSS-EXAMINE AN OLD STUDENT OF MINE.
YOU KNOW HIKAWA TETSUO, DON'T YOU?
ARE YOU THE ONE WHO GAVE HIM THIS CRYSTAL AS WELL?
...
YOU GOT ME!

I'm pretty sure it was a name like that.
Ohhh, yeah, that's right, it was Ibara Mariya.

I NEVER REALLY LIKED HIM, HE ALWAYS HAD SO MUCH ON HIS MIND.
BUT ITSUHITO WAS.
YEAH... I HOPE SHE DOESN'T "GET LUCKY" WITH THAT GUY.

WERE YOU CLOSE?
DO YOU KNOW HIM?
BACK IN MIDDLE SCHOOL
NOT REALLY.

HE SAID IT WITHOUT BEING EMBARRASSED.
WHEN I HEARD THAT, I CHANGED MY MIND AND THOUGHT, "THAT'S NOT ME AT ALL!"


BACK IN MIDDLE SCHOOL, HE HAD THIS STRANGE KIND OF REALISTIC DREAM WITH 50/50 ODDS.
IT WAS THIS DREAM FOR THE FUTURE OR SOMETHING.
Oh?
WELL, I WANTED TO BE THE MANAGER OF A BIKE SHOP BUT...

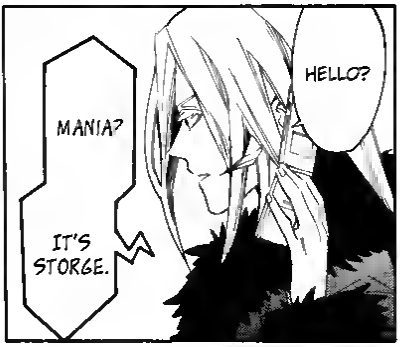
I WISH TO SAVE PEOPLE.

YOUR DREAM, HUH?
YOU'RE THE SAME AS YOU WERE BACK THEN.
SINCE I CAN'T LIE IN FRONT OF YOU, I'LL TELL YOU EVERYTHING.
HIKAWA WAS A PATHETIC MAN... HOWEVER, I GAVE HIM THIS CRYSTAL THINKING THAT I COULD HELP HIM.
HIS ABILITY CALLED "USELESS" HAD ALREADY AWAKENED.
I WAS ALSO THE ONE WHO THOUGHT THAT POWER COULD HELP HIM AND SHOWED HIM HOW TO USE IT.
WHAT'S WRONG? YOU WANT TO GO TO SLEEP?
I'M SORRY, I'M GOING TO TALK JUST A LITTLE BIT LONGER
HMM?
BUT... IT WAS A FAILURE.
SOMEONE... GOT IN THE WAY...

AT ANY RATE
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I'VE BEEN TO TOKOFUSHI BUT... THIS TOWN IS A STRANGE ONE.
THERE REALLY ISN'T THE PRESENCE OF EVIL.
MY CHILD'S GETING CRANKY, SO I BETTER BE GOING NOW.
HMM, IT'LL BE OKAY.
WOULD SOMETHING LIKE THAT BE INCONVENIENT FOR YOU?
HMM? I HAVE NO IDEA BUT
IS THERE SOME MYSTICAL PLACE THAT HAS A CALMING EFFECT ON PEOPLE'S EMOTIONS?
IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE ANYONE GREEDY LIVES HERE.
...
I'LL SEE YOU SOME OTHER TIME.
MITOGAWA-SENSEI.
IT'S FINE. I WON'T WORRY IF YOU HAVE IT.
ALTHOUGH I'LL TAKE IT OFF YOUR HANDS IF YOU DON'T WANT IT.
WHAT ABOUT THE CRYSTAL?

IT'S JUST LIKE YOU SAID.
IT'S NO COINCIDENCE THAT DISEASE DEMONS DON'T HAVE A STRONG PRESENCE HERE.
WE'VE GOT THE CLEANING TOOL.
I APPRE-CIATE IT.
I JUST FINISHED ON MY END AS WELL.

RING
RING
RING


HELLO?
MANIA?
IT'S STORGE.

THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT IN THIS TOWN.
THERE'S SOMETHING PURPOSELY PREVENTING THE APPEARANCE OF DISEASE DEMONS.
THAT GOES AGAINST OUR CAUSE
WE MUST HURRY UP AND FIND OUT WHO IT IS AND SHUT THEM DOWN.

URGH!
EROS
DON'T PLAY AROUND
You're such a killjoy! It's fine. Don't you find it interesting?
They can keep disease demons in stuff like this...
TO THINK A THOUGHT FORM WOULD BE SOMETHING LIKE THIS
HEY, I FOUND SOMETHING INTERESTING IN THERE
I THINK THEY LOCKED DISEASE DEMON INSIDE THESE
Waah, show me, show me!
As expected of Todos, you really aren't just a pretty face...
DON'T GET SO CLOSE TO ME!
OOOF!
THERE'S A LOT OF THEM I CAN'T CARRY THEM BY MYSELF.
HELP ME OUT, STORGE.
ROGER.

Bang!

BITCH, DIDN'T I TELL YOU NOT TO SMACK ME IN THE FACE?
...!
ARE YOU PEOPLE ...?
WHO...
DIDN'T GET ENOUGH?
WOW, YOU'RE GETTING ME ALL AROUSED.
WE...
WE HAVE NOT COME WITH THE INTENTION OF ROBBING YOU.
DON'T WORRY, WOMAN.
I DON'T THINK THAT'S WHAT SHE WAS ASKING ABOUT.
I work as a host in the Tokofushi neon district so should drop by if you'd like.
I'm Eudos.

HAVE COME TO SAVE THIS WORLD.
HMM?
NO GOOD.. I'VE COMPLETELY LOST HER.
I HOPE NOTHING HAPPENED TO HER...
...!
THE PRESENCE OF A DISEASE DEMON...
IS COMING FROM THAT PERSON...?

〈神奈川県　佐さん〉

「やはり、童心を忘れぬことだな。
若者と一緒に行動していれば、
自然と脳も身体も若々しくなるというものだ。」

「あ、だからいつもふざけて
僕をからかったりするんですね。」

「……私が言っているのは、
常中の生徒達のことであって、
君のような三十路を控えたおっさんの
ことではないぞ。」

「おっさ……!?」

〈秋田県　キリタンポさん〉

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